Memorandum

TO : Mr. H. C. Sullivan

DATE: September 8, 1961

FROM : Mr. P. J. Baumgardner

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SUBJECT: NATION OF ISLAM
INTERNAL SECURITY - NOI

Reference is made to the attached Form FD-142 from SAC, Phoenix, dated 9/5/61 requesting authority to install a technical surveillance (tesur) and microphone surveillance (misur) of Elijah Muhammad, head of the Nation of Islam (NOI). The NOI is an all-Negro, violently antiwhite organization whose members teach that someday the white race will be destroyed in a forthcoming "war" and that the Negro in the United States will then occupy a separate black nation in North America. This fanatical organization under the absolute control of its leader, Elijah Muhammad, is under active investigation in an effort to determine whether its activities bring it within the purview of existing statutes.

On 1/2/57 the Attorney General authorized installation of a tesur on Elijah Muhammad's residence and office in Chicago, Illinois, which is presently in operation. Investigation has now revealed that Muhammad has purchased a home at 2118 East Violet Drive, Phoenix, Arizona, to be used as his "winter residence." The national headquarters of the NOI will be established at Phoenix when Muhammad takes up his winter residence. As Muhammad will be occupying his winter residence Phoenix feels that we should afford coverage through an additional tesur and misur. This will not affect the number of tesurs in operation as we will discontinue coverage in Chicago when Muhammad takes up his winter residence in Phoenix. This installation can be made without obtaining additional Attorney General authority inasmuch as our original recommendation for a tesur on Muhammad included future coverage on any address to which he may move.

RECOMMENDATION:

Inasmuch as Phoenix feels that a tesur and misur on Muhammad's additional residence will be extremely productive and valuable in furnishing intelligence data concerning the NOI on a national level, there is attached for your approval an airtel to Phoenix, copies for Chicago, granting authority for Phoenix to make the necessary installations.

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Enclosures

1 - Mr. Belmont
1 - Mr. Sullivan
1 - Mr. Baumgardner
1 - Mr. Floyd
1 - Mr. Jackson
1 - Mr. Donohue
1 - Mr. Harrington

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